



CARROLL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Carroll County is located in the north central piedmont area of Maryland. Its 287,458 acres makes it the 9th largest county in the state. Over 160,000 acres, or 56 percent of the land area is devoted to agricultural uses. The topography is primarily rolling terrain with year round fresh water streams.

In 1990 Carroll County had a population of 123,372 with about 13,068 residing in the county seat of Westminster. Points of interest to visitors would include the Francis Scott Key birthplace near Keymar; Union Mills Homestead in Union Mills and the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster.

Carroll County has a very important and diverse grain and livestock agriculture. It ranked third in the state for milk production in 1999. Carroll County is a leading table egg producing area in the state. Fruit and vegetable production is increasing due to more available markets in the nearby metropolitan areas as well as the increasing value of the county's farmland. Carroll County's proximity to Baltimore is a distinct advantage in marketing its agricultural commodities.

CARROLL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1997	Bu.	29,400	58.4	1,716,900
	1998		32,500	112.7	3,662,100
	1999		28,600	96.1	2,748,100
Corn for Silage	1997	Tons.	14,700	8.5	1,716,900
	1998		6,000	13.5	3,662,100
	1999		12,800	11.0	140,800
Soybeans	1997	Bu.	22,600	31.5	711,100
	1998		22,200	37.1	824,000
	1999		18,000	27.6	496,800
Wheat	1997	Bu.	8,800	67.5	594,000
	1998		10,100	63.5	641,000
	1999		9,900	68.1	673,900
Hay	1997	Tons.	24,600	2.4	58,200
	1998		25,400	2.6	67100
	1999		27,000	3.39	93,900
Oats	1997	Bu.	700	61.4	43,000
	1998		400	*	*
	1999		*	*	*
Barley	1997	Bu.	4,000	88.2	305,000
	1998		4,200	77.1	324,000
	1999		4,100	88.2	361,600
Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 1999				Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹	

Corn	5	Oats	3	Cattle	3
Wheat	8	Barley	10	Hogs	3
Hay	2	Soybeans	11	Sheep	4
				Milk Production	3

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Farm Numbers & Size ¹	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	1,238	1,080	1,041
Average Size (acres)	135	146	154
Land in Farms (acres)	166,745	157,505	160,180

Livestock (Number on Farms) ¹	1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory Jan. 1	36,833	33,700	30,584
Hog Inventory Dec. 1	10,115	9,077	9,434
Sheep Inventory Jan. 1	3,838	2,320	2,645

Average Number of Milk Cows	1997	1998	1999
	11,000	10,400	10,300

Milk Production - 1,000 lbs.	1997	1998	1999
	205,900	197,000	201,000

Value of Sales ¹	1987	1992	1997
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----- Thousand Dollars -----

All Products	55,899	66,966	71,272
Crops	16,138	21,737	25,776
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products	39,761	45,229	45,496

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Unranked - Data not published.

⁴ Revised.

⁵ 1999.

* Acreage too small to publish.

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 1999

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)	NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January	00.0	29.5	0.00	2.90
February	00.0	32.3	0.00	2.59
March	00.0	41.9	0.00	3.42
April	**00.0	51.9	** 0.00	3.47
May	**00.0	61.9	** 0.00	4.27
June	**00.0	70.4	** 0.00	3.91
July	**00.0	74.6	** 0.00	3.81
August	**00.0	73.1	** 0.00	3.42
September	**00.0	66.3	** 0.00	3.64
October	**00.0	55.1	** 0.00	3.25
November	**00.0	45.1	** 0.00	3.35
December	**00.0	34.5	** 0.00	3.32
Annual	**00.0	53.1	**00.00	41.35

** Insufficient or partial data.

Number frost free days for 1999 **

Normal frost free days 1951-1980 182 *(1961-1990 Not available)*

Highest temperature **

Lowest temperature **

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